

**City of Lowell, Oregon
City Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
April 2 2024**

The Lowell City Council held a regular meeting on April 2, 2024. The meeting location was Lowell Rural Fire Protection District Fire Station 1 at 389 N. Pioneer Street, Lowell, OR 97452. Mayor Bennett called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

City Councilors present:

Mayor Don Bennett, Tim Stratis, Jimmy Murray

City Councilors absent:

Gail Harris, Maureen Weathers

Staff/others present:

City Administrator Jeremy Caudle, State Representative Charlie Conrad

Approval of the agenda:

No changes.

Public comments:

None.

Council comments:

None.

Presentation:

1. Update on the 2024 legislative session and questions and answers with City Council.

Presenter: Representative Charlie Conrad

Representative Conrad summarized the work of his office and the legislature in general during the recently completed session. Topics discussed include:

- Approval of a bill that he sponsored related to “tightening” animal abuse laws.
- Approval of a bill that he sponsored related to property tax foreclosures.
- Capital projects funded that he sponsored for other Lane County jurisdictions.
- Discussion of HB 4002 – the Measure 110 “fix.” This involved recriminalizing certain drug offenses, as well as establishing a new class of misdemeanors associated with these drug offenses.
- SB 1537 related to the state’s housing crisis. He discussed concerns about the establishment of a new agency related to housing policy under this law.
- SB 1576 related to the recreational immunity “fix.” This law sunsets after 1 year. During the long session, the legislature will take this issue up again.

- The “right to repair” bill, which requires device makers to provide technical documents and tools needed to fix broken devices.
- The need for the legislature to address gaps in medical care.
- Updates to the law that strengthen victims’ rights related to stalking offenses.
- Campaign finance reform updates that were approved.
- Transportation projects will be the focus for the legislature’s next long session.

New business:

1. Motion to approve work order 2024-02 with The Automation Group in the amount of \$9,916.20 and to authorize the City Administrator to sign. – Discussion/ Possible action

Councilor Stratis’s motion to approve work order 2024-02 with The Automation Group in the amount of \$9,916.20 and to authorize the City Administrator to sign was approved by Councilor Murray.

Mayor Bennett: YES; Stratis: YES; Murray: YES.

APPROVED: 3-0.

Other business:

None.

Mayor comments:

None.

Councilor comments:

Councilor Stratis stated that the city should find a way to recognize Hall O’Regan for starting the Paul Fisher Park shade tree program. He will continue working on this and share further ideas after the budget process.

Community comments:

None.

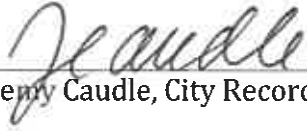
Adjourned at 7:55 pm.

APPROVED:



Don Bennett, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jeremy Caudle, City Recorder

